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Islamic Republic of Iran* and Mexico: draft resolution

Revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2000/24 of 28 July 2000 in which, *inter alia*, it expressed grave concern that the level of contributions had not adequately increased to a level to enable, in particular, the full implementation of the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System nor the operational viability of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women beyond 31 December 2000, and reiterating the importance of supporting traditional methods of information, dissemination, research and training,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 55/219 of 23 December 2000, in which the Assembly decided to provide the Institute with financial assistance on a non-recurrent basis, enabling the Institute to continue its activities throughout 2001,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China and in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Appreciates* the support of Member States in approving a US$ 800,000 supplement to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women from the United Nations regular budget for its operations during 2001;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its twenty-first session[2] and the recommendations and decisions contained therein;

4. *Expresses appreciation* to the Director of the Institute for her efforts to revitalize the Institute through the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System vision and methodology, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that a new Director is appointed immediately in order to ensure continuity in the leadership and direction of the Institute;

5. *Commends* the Institute for the implementation of successive phases I-II of the System;

6. *Expresses appreciation* for the efforts made by the Director of the Institute as well as the Board of Trustees in developing a fund-raising strategy for the Institute, and urges that it be implemented as soon as possible;

7. *Expresses concern* at the fact that the Institute does not have a reserve to enable it to continue its operations beyond 2001;

8. *Takes into account* the fact that the Institute cannot anticipate the level of contributions that will be received during the course of 2001;

9. *Recommends* that the General Assembly consider the approval of a supplement for the year 2002, similar to the one approved by the Assembly in its resolution 55/219, in order to provide the Institute with one more year of financial security so that it can finalize the implementation of, *inter alia*, the Gender Awareness and Information Networking System and the special research and training projects that are being tested through the system, and can implement its fund-raising strategies;

10. *Decides* to amend article V (5) of the statute of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, with regard to the approval of focal points, to read:

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[1] E/2001/76.

[2] E/2001/88.

"Correspondents and focal points in countries or regions may be used by the Institute to assist in maintaining contact with national or regional institutions and in carrying out or advising on studies and research";

11. *Urges* the Secretary-General to:

(*a*) Continue to encourage Member States to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute so that it can continue to operate at an adequate level during 2002;

(*b*) Continue to encourage other relevant sources of funding within the United Nations to contribute to the restructuring of the Institute;

(*c*) Encourage the United Nations Foundation to contribute to the restructuring of the Institute;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002 as well as to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.